Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, James L. Johnson was hired by the University of South Dakota as a teaching assistant for the 1960-61 term, served as a professor at Dakota State University for 6 years, and was hired in 1973 as a professor at South Dakota State University where he has been employed up to the present time; and,

Whereas, Dr. Johnson has been associated with higher education in South Dakota for 40 years, and 30 of those years has held academic rank at South Dakota State University; and,

Whereas, Dr. Johnson has served over 25 years with Prairie Repertory Theatre, which has grown continuously during his tenure from 17 members to the current 50 members, a budget growth of $16,000 to $250,000, and from performing for 3,800 patrons to 17,200 patrons; and,

Whereas, Dr. Johnson has directed over 100 productions at the university level, and has been actively involved as a judge for many high school Oral Interpretation and One Act Play Festivals, enhancing the lives of thousands of students; and,

Whereas, Dr. Johnson has served as Student Senate faculty advisor from 1985 until the present time, established the James L. Johnson Endowment for Outstanding Student Leadership Award, and served on the fund-raising committee that culminated in the opening of a new Performing Arts Center in the fall of 2002; and,

Whereas, Dr. Johnson should further be commended for numerous teaching and achievement awards, and for his service to the community of Brookings; and,

Whereas, Dr. James L. Johnson will retire on May 10, 2003, and it is fitting and proper that we join his wife, Ardis, and their children, Jason and Jennifer, in honoring him for his outstanding career in education:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2003, as

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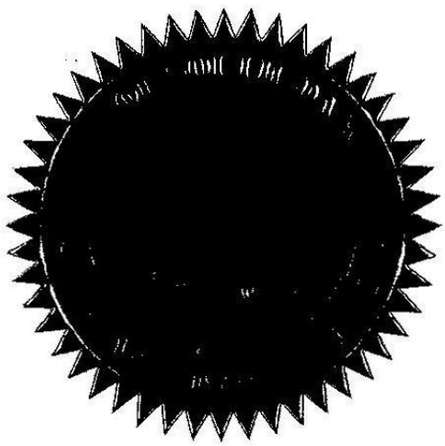
in South Dakota, and I join his colleagues, friends and family as they recognize him for his commitment to a successful career.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State